



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 204**

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**Hearing Date:** January 22, 2007  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor

**Introducer(s):** (Synowiecki, 7)  
**Title:** Change provisions relating to the Contractor Registration Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

6	Yes	Senators Cornett, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, Wallman, White
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Chambers

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**Proponents:**

Senator John Synowieki  
Steve Mulcahy  
Jim Steele  
Larry Arnold  
Bill Kutilek  
G. Bruck Kiwil  
Ken Mass  
Gregg D. Rhoades  
Jim Sheard

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Carpenters Dist. Council  
Falewitch Construction Services  
Himself  
Larry Arnold  
Nebraska State Home Builders Assoc.  
Nebraska State AFL-CIO  
Plasters and Cement Masons Local #538  
Change to Win Coalition of Nebraska  
and Teamsters Local

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** This bill provides that all contractors across the state, regardless of the population in a county, shall be registered with the Department of Labor. The penalties for a citation are increased to \$5,000 for a first violation and to \$10,000 for a subsequent penalty.

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Technical Details:

*Section 1:* amends 48-2101 to strike “counties with a population of over one hundred thousand inhabitants” and inserts “Nebraska” so that now all contractors in Nebraska are to be registered with the Department of Labor;

*Section 2:* amends 48-2104 to strike “any county with a population of over one hundred thousand inhabitants” and inserts “Nebraska” requiring the registration of all contractors prior to performing construction work;

*Section 3:* amends 48-2107 to change the application or renewal fee from \$25.00 to \$100.00;

*Section 4:* amends 48-2114 to provide for technical changes; strikes “if” and inserts “when”; increases the penalty for a first violation from \$500 to \$5,000, and increases the penalty of a second or subsequent violation from \$5,000 to \$10,000;

Strikes the self-employed fee exemption requirement “and does not pay more than one thousand dollars annually to employ other persons in the business” and inserts the exemption requirement “with a maximum equivalent of one full-time employee at any one time”; changes reporting requirements for receiving exemption from the fee.

*Section 5:* amends 48-2115 to provide authority to use the Contractor Registration Cash Fund “to enforce the Contractor Registration Act”.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** This amendment reduces the application fee to \$50 and provides that a contractor, who has never been registered before, shall have a sixty-day grace period after the issuance of a citation. The penalty will be waived, if the contractor registers within such sixty-day period. The grace period and waiver provisions will sunset on March 1, 2008.

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**Senator Abbie Cornett, Chairperson**